



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 12, 2024

1. Call to order

Mayor Tobbe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, Finance Director City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Director Michael Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas, Executive Assistant to Community Development Kelly Haataja, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to add Jackson Flood presentation on flushable wipes on the agenda as item 6a. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to consider setting a public hearing for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund on April 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. as item 17a. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: special joint meeting of February 12, 2024**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of February 13, 2024**
- c. **Approval of Minutes: special retreat meeting of February 24, 2024**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

6a. Presentation by Jackson Flood

Jackson Flood presented a detailed slide presentation on flushable wipes.

7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown thanked all of the hard-working election inspectors for their dedication and work on the Presidential Primary. This election was the first ever statewide election with early voting and the inspectors did a wonderful job. Clerk Brown attended the County Board of Canvassers meeting and reported the review of the election went smoothly.

Director Goch noted the sidewalk repair and replacement is scheduled for the first week in May. Sidewalk gap

projects will begin on March 25, 2024, on Flint, Nelson, and Williamsen provided the weather is accommodating.

City Manager Gomolka noted there have been issues with the lights on Main Street with calibration which has been modified. Some residents may notice there are a few lights out within the neighborhoods, DTE is aware, and the lights are on DTEs repair list.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Schmenk stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals will not meet in March; however, the board will attend a training session with Giffels Webster.

Councilmember Pettengill stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission has set dates for the Children's Summer Series. Fan favorites, David Zinn, Gemini, and Drummunity will be back for 2024. Management Assistant Sam Gardiner will be working on applying for grants to further the BACC initiatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn stated the Planning Commission met to enter into closed session during the March 4, 2024 meeting.

Councilmember Gardner stated the Huron Valley Watershed Council is hosting an array of open houses, their main offices are located in Ann Arbor.

Mayor Tobbe thanked the Police Department and all law enforcement for their collaborative work in apprehending a suspect during a recent police issue that originated outside of the city.

Discussion

9. Curb island at Main Street and 6th Street

City Council discussed the merits of maintaining and repairing the sidewalk island as an entrance slowdown point as well as a crossing reprieve for pedestrians. Staff will provide an update on costs and timeframe for repair at a later date.

New Business

10. Consider canceling and possibly rescheduling the March 26th and April 9th, 2024, City Council meetings and scheduling a City Council meeting on April 2, 2024

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to cancel the March 26 and April 9, 2024, City Council meetings and schedule a City Council meeting for April 2, 2024. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

11. Consider setting the Budget Workshops for April 9, 10, and 11, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to set the budget workshops for April 9, 10, and 11, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider approval of Traffic Control Order's 183, 184, and 185

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve traffic control order 183 with a time frame of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve traffic control order 184 as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve traffic control order 185 as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider approval of a five-year contract extension from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, with Waste Management for residential and municipal refuse collection

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the five-year contract extension from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, with Waste Management for residential and municipal refuse collection.

The motion carried, 7-0.

14. Consider approval of a Metro Act Unilateral Form right-of-way telecommunications permit for Livingston County Fiber Network

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the Metro Act Unilateral Form right-of-way telecommunications permit for Livingston County Fiber Network and to authorize the City Manager to execute the same. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

15. Consider approval for two budget amendments in the amount of \$50,000 each to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Major and Local Street Funds for additional sidewalk maintenance and replacement

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve two budget amendments in the amount of \$50,000 each to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Major and Local Street Funds for additional sidewalk maintenance and replacement. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

16. Consider approval of both Hubbell, Roth & Clark design engineering proposals for National Functional Classified Streets and related budget amendments in amounts not to exceed \$75,116 and \$64,190 for a total \$139,306

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve both Hubbell, Roth & Clark design engineering proposals for National Functional Classified Streets and related budget amendments in amounts not to exceed \$75,116 and \$64,190 for a total \$139,306. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

17. Consider appointments to boards and commissions, Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the reappointment of Kelly Genei and Noreen Mollen to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to repost the alternate position. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

17a. Consider approval to set a public hearing for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund on April 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to set a public hearing for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund on April 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

18. Consider entering into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to enter into closed session at 7:58 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 9:41 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

19. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:42 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding the 6th Street and State Street island.

Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed at 9:45 p.m.

20. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk